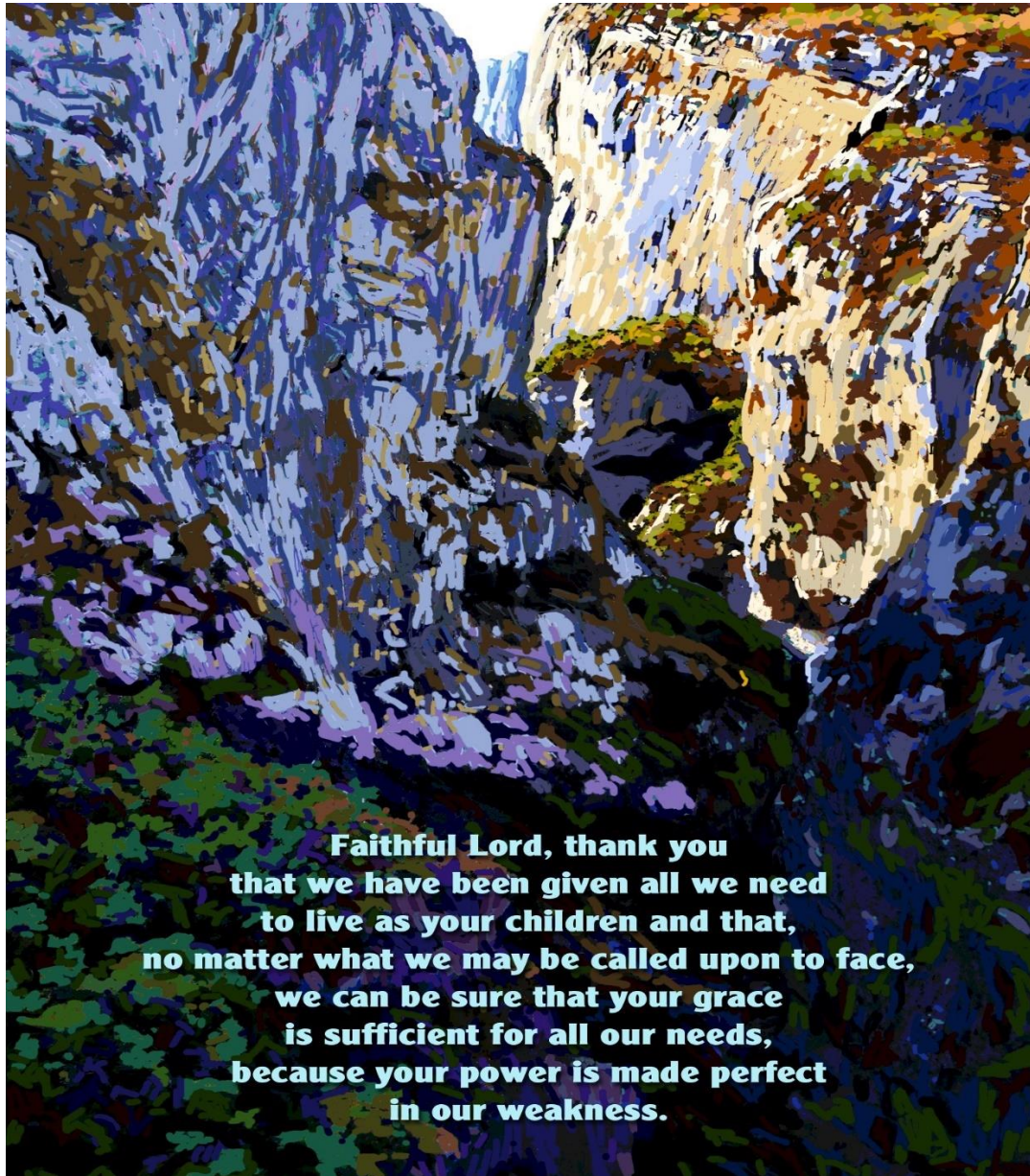


THE MESSENGER

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From the Minister ..



As you know, I'm very much into my football. Just a few weekends back I took Isla up to Kingsmeadow stadium after church to see the Chelsea ladies team beating their Spurs counterparts by two goals to nil. I always very much enjoy watching Match of the Day (unless of course Chelsea have suffered a defeat) but much to my Hannah's annoyance, I often find myself falling asleep whilst it's on – I blame the late start on a Saturday night and two small children!

I did, however, stay up to watch the entire programme on a Saturday night a few weeks ago, but even if I'd only made it past the first game, I'd have seen nine goals scored by a very strong Liverpool side against Bournemouth who sadly, could not get into the game – they lasted just 3 minutes before conceding goal number one.

Sadly, as often happens in the modern game, this humiliating defeat led to their manager Scott Parker, being shown the door. It is a part of the game I dislike intensely, Parker was the hero just a few months ago having guided Bournemouth to promotion and after just three games and results not going their way, the ownership of the club has decided that a change is the only way they can move forwards. There is no other job in which so little loyalty is shown – it's ruthless.

There is plenty of speculation though that Parker largely lost his job because of comments he made speaking out against and criticising the ownership of the club. He said that his team were ill-equipped to compete at the level of the premier league and much of this comes down to other teams spending more money to bring in transfer targets than they were able to. The response back from the ownership was to stress that in order to keep progressing, it was

unconditional that the team and its management needed to be aligned in its strategy to run the club sustainably.

You can really see both sides of the coin, but it did leave me wondering about how and when we are able to speak out against something we see as an injustice. Those responsible in our eyes, might seem to have all the power which may leave us feeling unable to speak out because of a fear of repercussions.

The Bible has something to teach us about righteous anger. I believe that Jesus offers the ultimate example of what it means to be a leader. Throughout countless accounts, we see that he offered compassion when that was needed, he was decisive when he needed to be, and he took seriously the call on his life to serve all of those around him. Once, when he was asked about the most important commandment, he reminded those around him that this was to love your neighbour as yourself, putting their needs as highly on our agenda as our own. But one time in the temple, Jesus witnessed injustice as people were being cheated by money changers in this holy space. Not only did he speak out against this, but he also started flipping tables as a visible sign of this righteous anger. I feel for poor Scott Parker, whilst he might have chosen his words more wisely, he was speaking out against what he saw as an injustice.

Over the coming months, I have no doubts that unfortunately we are going to witness more and more injustice in our country. I believe it is my responsibility as a Christian leader, called to model my life on Christ, to speak out and challenge those in authority. I have and will continue to lobby our local MP to try to ensure that the voices of the marginalised in our community are heard and I will do so because I take seriously that important commandment from Jesus – love your neighbour as yourself. Let's look out for one another as life continues to be difficult for so many in the coming months and let us support

one another, however we can, by saying what needs to be said.

Every blessing,

Your brother in Christ,

Josh.



It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of our Queen, HRH Queen Elizabeth II. Our deepest condolences and sympathy go out to the Royal Family and to anyone else mourning the loss at this time. We offer our prayers for our new King HRH King Charles III and pray God's blessing upon him as he takes on his new responsibilities in the coming days and weeks. Throughout her life Queen Elizabeth served this country and the countries within the Commonwealth selflessly and she truly embodied what it means to be a leader. She did this, in part, because of her strong and unwavering Christian faith, which she spoke about regularly in her Christmas speech and in other public appearances. Like each one of us who believes, she knew that she must model her life on Jesus Christ, and I believe, took this commission incredibly seriously. She is now at peace with her heavenly Father, and although we shall miss her strong and enduring leadership, we must say thank you retrospectively for all that she has done for our country.

Below is a prayer written and released by the United Reformed Church for use at this time. For now all that is left for me to say is, may God bless our new King.
Josh

O God, our rock, and our redeemer, we come to worship you and to give thanks for your servant Elizabeth. We thank you for her long life and her dedicated service to commonwealth and nations. We thank you for what she has meant to each one of us... We treasure memories of meeting her of celebrating and marking moments in her life, of the opening of parliament, of her presence at significant times in our history, and of her speaking to us on radio and television.

We rejoice that she lived and shared the faith we hold and that she followed her vocation, hearing a call to serve. We pray for those who will miss her most deeply, that they may find comfort and hope. We celebrate and affirm our faith that death is defeated, that new life awaits your children, and that creation is renewed in Christ. We pray for our nations at a time of change and for our new King. May he follow his mother in faithful service and may your blessing rest on him. We pray too for our elected representatives in parliament, for our public servants and for all citizens, of all faiths and none. And, in this day and time, we pray, as we are always glad to pray, may your Kingdom come.
Amen.

Message from our Church and Community Worker...

As promised here are photos from Holiday at Home from August; it was such a wonderful time. Again, I would like to thank all the helpers who all wore different hats over the three days. You're amazing, great fun was had by all.



So many things have started back up again this September. Little Fishes in Petersfield, always lovely to have so many families back in the Church centre. We launched Time Out for Parents, The Early Years, a six-week course, and Forest Church, weekly at Liss on Monday afternoon 4-5 pm; more on them over the next few months.

But reflecting over the last few months these words spring to mind, unity, family, and love. And that is what we do so well. Never in my life have I felt so much support, care, and love.

1 Corinthians 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

We love each other and God with tender hearts. We are of the same mind, which is wonderful as we have a new session, a new challenge with the sanctuary before us. I know all who can give, will, all in authority will be prayed over to make the right decisions for God and the Church/ Church family. This is an exciting time for God to shine in the darkest. And us to be the cornerstone of the community.

Ephesians 2:19-22 – “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

Holiday at Home









Thank you

Learn to 'wait well' for things

'My future is in Your hands...'

In her book, *When, God, When?* Author Joyce Meyer wrote: "God has taught me to keep living the life I now have, while I am waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We can become so intent on trying to birth the next things, that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years, I believe I missed a lot of joy, trying to give it birth outside of God's timing."

So why not learn to enjoy where you are, while you're waiting to get to where you want to be? After all, all your life you will spend more time waiting than you will receiving. And when you receive what you're waiting for now – you'll begin waiting for something else. That's life! In other words, if we don't learn to 'wait well', we'll live with endless frustration.

Waiting well will also help us prepare for our dream. The Bible puts it this way: "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). "Due season" is when God knows we're ready, not when we think we are. He has set appointments to accomplish certain things in our life, so we might as well settle down and wait patiently, because that's when it will happen – and not before.

Isn't it comforting to know that God knows what you need, He knows when you need it and He knows how best to get it to you. All He asks you to do is trust Him.

Time Out For Parents



The Early Years

Dates

Every Thursday 7.30 pm- 9.30 pm

15 September – 20th October

Venue

Petersfield URC College Street

For more information or to book

Contact Jo Hopkins on

01730 266475 or communityworker@petersfieldurc.com



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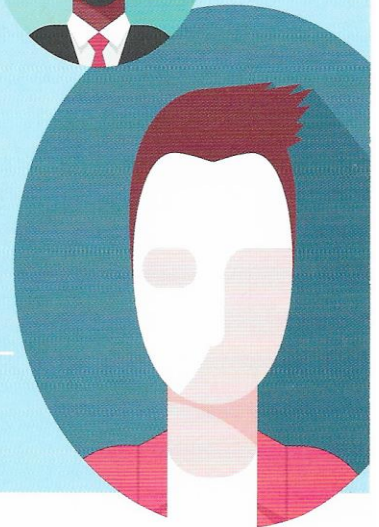
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Food Bank Updates

Our opening times are: -

Stock and Donations: Mondays and

Wednesdays: 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Distribution: Tuesdays and Fridays:

9.30 am – 11.30 am

At Petersfield Methodist Church

For more information please check our website: [Petersfield Food Bank \(pactfoodbank.org.uk\)](http://pactfoodbank.org.uk)



Open every Wednesday from 2 pm till 3.30 pm.

You can meet us, enjoy a cuppa and take away your food bags. Can't get to St. Paul's? Then a

Wednesday delivery can be arranged if a request is

made by lunchtime on Monday. Text or call Nigel on 07598 949379 or Sarah on 07741 455041.

The Liss Foodbank is for surrounding villages as well as Liss. It can be accessed for your short-term need without a referral.

Food donation points are the St. Mary's Church porch, Station Road and the Triangle centre reception (mornings), or bring donations to St. Paul's on a Wednesday afternoon.

Free Shop Petersfield

The Shop collects food from supermarkets, farms, community gardens and others, that would otherwise go to waste.

Anyone is welcome to come along and take what they need.

It is not part of the Food Bank; the goal is purely to keep good food out of landfill.

The Free Shop is located to the right of Petersfield Station Entrance.

Opening times: Wednesday 1.30 pm – 3 pm

Friday & Saturday 10 am – 12 noon

For more information contact: easthampshirerail.co.uk/freeshop-shop

Or call Lucy on **07988043870**



Do you enjoy driving?

Do you like meeting people?

Do you have a little spare time, during the week and at weekends?

Would you like to do something worthwhile and rewarding?

If the answer to these questions is 'Yes', then Petersfield Voluntary Care Group (PVCG) would love to hear from you.

As an organisation, we transport people from Petersfield and the local area, who do not have other transport arrangements, to medical appointments.

We are urgently in need of more drivers to accommodate all our requests.

If you would like to know more, please ask Mary Evans or Mary Fair - we do hope to hear from you!



Did you mean what you just said?



The following are genuine notes left for milkmen.

- ~ Dear Milkman: I've just had a baby, please leave another one.
- ~ Cancel one pint after the day after today.
- ~ Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it.
- ~ Please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops of the milk.
- ~ Please cancel the milk. I have nothing coming into the house except two sons on the dole.
- ~ Please bring me a form about cheap milk, as my boyfriend has made me stagnant.
- ~ Please do not leave milk at no. 14 as he is dead until further notice.

Petersfield and Liss United Reformed Church

Update on regular weekday activities



Please note the following updates.

- **Drop in Tea** – Drop-In Tea for October will be on the 11th. This is an opportunity for anyone to come to the CFC for a chat and a cuppa and even some cake! Call in any time between 2 and 4pm. Come when you can - go when you must! We look forward to seeing you then.

Julie, Keith, and Mary



Rotas – October 2022

Date	Duty Elders	AV
October 2	Julie Penjovic	David Darling
October 9	Tim Abbott	Keith Evans
October 16	Jo Oru & Mary Fair	David Oru
October 23	Carol Tubbs	Carolyn Barton
October 30	Keith Evans	Jonathan Oru

Welcomers' Rota

Date	Welcomers
October 2	Janet Adams
October 9	Catharine Adams
October 16	Steven Glenn
October 23	Pat Berry
October 30	Robin Hart

Please note that the clocks go back on 30th October

- Please arrive 30mins before start of the service
- When all have arrived, count the adults and children, and enter the numbers on the notice board record sheet.
- Carry the offertory box to the Communion Table for the service.
- If your date is not suitable, please adjust with another person as a swap.

Petersfield & Liss Church Calendar – October 2022

Please note Services are held at College Street, Petersfield unless otherwise stated

Saturday	1	9 am-1 pm	PACT Hub for Ukraine	CFC
Sunday	2	10. 30 am	Esme Kelly	
Monday	3	1pm	Ladies' Bible Studies	CFC
		4-5 pm	Forest Church Liss	St Paul's Liss
Tuesday	4	9.30 am	Little Fishes	CFC
		7.30 pm	Elders' meeting	CFC
Wednesday	5	2.30 pm	Home Group	1 Crundles
Thursday	6	10 am	Prayer Meeting	CFC
		7.30 pm	Time Out for Parents	CFC
		7.30 pm	Home Group	Buckmore Farmhouse
		8 pm	Home Group	12 Geddes Way
Saturday	8	9 am – 1pm	PACT Hub for Ukraine	CFC
Sunday	9	10.30 am	Minister	
Monday	10	1 pm	Ladies' Bible Studies	CFC
		4-5 pm	Forest Church Liss	St Paul's Liss
Tuesday	11	9.30 am	Little Fishes	CFC
		2 – 4 pm	Drop-in Tea	CFC
		7.30 pm	Women's Fellowship	CFC
Thursday	13	10 am	Prayer Meeting	CFC
		7.30 – 9.30pm	Time Out for Parents	CFC
Friday	14	10. 30 am	Friday Fellowship	CFC
Saturday	15	9 am – 1 pm	PACT Hub	CFC
Sunday	16	10.30 am	Communion Minister	
Monday	17	1 pm	Ladies' Bible Studies	CFC
		4-5 pm	Forest Church Liss	St Paul's Liss
Tuesday	18	9.30 am	Little Fishes	CFC
		2 pm	Connie's Handicraft Group	CFC
Wednesday	19	2.30 pm	Home Group	1 Crundles
Thursday	20	10 am	Prayer Meeting	CFC
		7.30pm	Home Group	Buckmore Farmhouse
		8 pm	Home Group	12 Geddes Way
		7.30 – 9.30 m	Time Out for Parents	CFC

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Saturday	22	9 am – 1 pm	PACT Hub	CFC
Sunday	23	10.30 am	Minister	
Thursday	27	10 am	Prayer Meeting	CFC
Saturday	29	9 am – 1 pm	PACT Hub	CFC
Sunday	30	10.30 am	Andrew Simons	
Monday	31	1 pm	Ladies' Bible Studies	CFC
		4 – 5 pm	Forest Church Liss	St Paul's Liss

**AV operators**

Everyone appreciates the benefits of the sound system and having the visuals on the screen on a Sunday morning. At the moment there is a small, but dedicated team who operate these. However, it would be very helpful to have one or two more operators. This would provide more cover, especially at holiday times, and would also reduce the frequency of being on duty.

The system is fairly straightforward and full training would be given. This ministry would not take up any more of your time other than to arrive at church half an hour before the service to set up the system.

As a result of the tragic and unexpected death of John Lewis we are particularly short of helpers and would greatly appreciate any who feel led to volunteer.

Please have a word with me if you think this is a ministry you could be involved in.

Keith Evans

Mission News

For your information and prayers, there will be news from one or more Missions each month. If you support a mission that has any information and prayer updates, please send these to the editor so that they can be included

UKRAINE MISSION UPDATE

Thank you so much for your continued kindness to Ukraine Christian Partnership. A big thanks goes to Connie's Handicraft Group who have raised the wonderful sum of £705 so far this year. We are so grateful for all your donations and prayers.

This month we thought you might like to hear a few little stories from the people we have been supporting in Kherson, southern Ukraine:

"The thousand hryvnias (=£22) you gave me will allow me to buy bread for a month"

"I'm thankful that there are people like you, who are not abandoning us in our grief"

Thanks to UCP funds, our volunteer was able to buy food and medicines for Galina. *"Galina cried and asked to thank you for your help and your kind hearts"*

Thanks to the money from UCP, Marina could bake a birthday cake for her daughter's 8th birthday. *"Please come to see us after the war, and we'll bake an even better cake for you!"*

"UCP help is reaching where UN help cannot"

David Darling



FOREST CHURCH

WEEKLY

**For primary school aged children.
Every Monday between 4-5pm,
starting 12th September
at St Paul's URC, Hill Brow Road, Liss**

For more information, please speak to Jo Hopkins or
email - communityworker@petersfieldurc.com

Eco corner - information and updates from the Eco Group

We offer a few tips on possibilities for more than kerbside recycling, for refilling and reusing in Petersfield....to be good stewards of God's beautiful creation!

Medicine blister packs accepted at Love Lane community centre for recycling, office open weekdays 0900 -12.30hrs, **OR** can be left in the same recycling crate in church vestibule adjacent to Petersfield Infant School items.

Plastic bag recycling available at some supermarkets including Waitrose and Tesco's Petersfield.

Soft plastic packaging can be returned to the Causeway Tesco store, the majority of which can then be recycled (80% in a trial), e.g. fruit and veg packaging, salad bags, crisp packets.

Tetrapak Cartons and paper containers (such as Pringles tubes etc.) can be recycled at the bank site at Tesco Petersfield, The Causeway, GU31 4JR

See the adjacent **Petersfield infant school recycling poster**, but if it is more convenient to you, there is a crate in the church vestibule for these items which David Barton then kindly takes to the school.

Liss junior school, if you live in Liss or are passing you might like to know that 9am -3pm during term time, Monday to Friday, reception will accept the items below. You can also now leave these items in the bag for **Liss junior school** in the church vestibule, to be kindly taken to the school by Tony Phillips who lives near the school.

Liss JS:- Digestive and other biscuit wrappers; cracker and cake wrappers; crisp packets; oral care products – toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes; Pringle tubes, **all clean and tied in a bag.**

Supermarkets, free of single use plastic.

Refill and Replenish, 15 the High Street, Petersfield, Tuesdays to Saturdays 9am – 5 pm

Juniper, 16 Lavant Street, Petersfield, Mondays to Saturdays, 9am - 5pm
Sell food stuffs, handwash, floor cleaner, other cleaning products and other items.

1. Bring your clean containers (Tupperware, bags, jars etc)
2. Weigh your containers.
3. Fill your containers.
4. Reweigh your containers.
5. Pay.

Have you heard of **Petersfield Climate Action Network**? They come up with new ideas and information on how to reduce our negative impact on the environment, the latest include having an energy efficiency survey of your home, costing the improvements suggested against the timeframe of benefit gained. If you want to know more or just be added to their newsletter they can be found at the following website:- www.petersfieldcan.org

Have you seen The Petersfield Tree Trail? It is written and photographed by Robin Hart, find out more at [Petersfield Tree Trail | Petersfield Society](#)

Fiona Darling, on behalf of the Eco group (Hannah Thomas, David Barton, Val Hart and David Darling)



Quick Quotes

The Bible is meant to be bread for our daily use, not just cake for special occasions. – *Unknown*

My message to everybody is to read the Bible out loud, quietly to yourself. Never, never, never read the word silently... Let it go into your body, absorb it. And let it come out, so you continue this wonderful, wonderful relationship you can have with God and his Word. – *David Suchet*



Recycling at Petersfield Infant School

We welcome the following items which help to raise valuable funds for our school

used batteries

empty toothpaste tubes, used toothbrushes & toothbrush heads

empty crisp packets (not tubes)

used pens used stamps

red, green or blue plastic milk bottle tops

unwanted spectacles (without the cases)

household cleaning wipes packaging

tinted fabric conditioner bottles and caps

dishwasher and laundry capsules or tablets plastic packaging

plastic air freshener packaging,

air fresheners and cartridges

any brand of flexible plastic cheese pouches

plastic nets from mini cheese packets

any brand of individual plastic cheese wrappers

any brand of sliced cheese protective plastic film

All of these items help raise much needed funds for our school with the exception of the used stamps which raise money for Canine Partners

and the spectacles, which go towards the Lions Club of Petersfield 'Sight For Life' initiative

Simply drop your recycling at the Front Door on St Peters Road and we will do the rest!

THANK YOU!

For our younger readers ...

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 2 verses 1 to 10

Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were guests at a family wedding in Cana. The bridegroom was responsible for the food and drink.

The wedding feasts went on for days

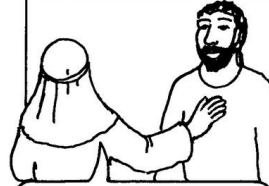


Then the wine ran out...



What a disaster! The bridegroom and his family would be shamed for life, and perhaps even sued!

Mary noticed...



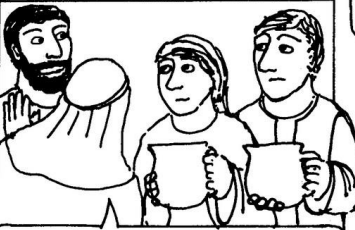
Jesus, they've run out of wine!

So why are you telling me?



But Mary wasn't put off.

She told the servants



Do whatever he tells you.

Fill those six jars to the top with water



The water was for the special washing of hands before meals

and each jar held about 100 litres



Now take some out and serve it to the toast-master



He tried it...



...then he called to the bridegroom...

Most people serve the best wine first, then the rest later, but...

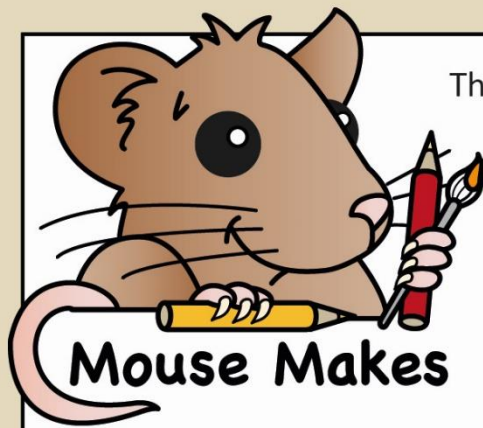


... this is the best wine I've ever tasted!



Impressive!





Mouse Makes

The New Testament has **four gospels**, **twenty one epistles** and the book of *Revelation*.

The **epistles** are a collection of **letters** that were written by the apostles to the early Christians, they contain teaching, instruction, advice and encouragement.

The Apostle **Paul** is thought to have written **thirteen** of the *epistles*...



Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.

How many people does Paul send greetings to at the end of his letter to the Romans?

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The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means *letter* or *message*

Which are the longest epistles?

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How many chapters do they have?

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DID YOU KNOW...?

At the time of the New Testament letters were written on scrolls

Which is the shortest epistle?

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How many chapters does it have?

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HEBREWS • JAMES • PETER • JOHN • JUDE • PAUL • SCROLL • WRITE

Crossword

Crossword Clues

Across

1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)

4 As balm (anag.) (6)

8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)

9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)

10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)

11 Banishment(Jeremiah29:1)(5)

12 'And now I will show you the most — way'(1Corinthians12:31) (9)

17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)

19 Mice den(anag.)(7)

21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)

22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)

23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —,so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)

24 Paul's birthplace(Acts22:3)(6)

Down

1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)

2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)

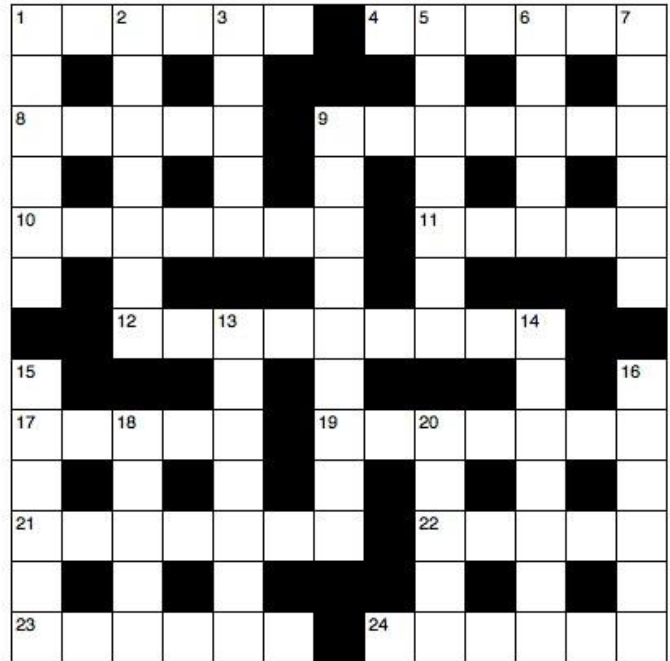
3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)

5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)

6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)

7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)

9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)



- 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)
- 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)
- 15 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off' (Mark 9:43) (6)
- 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)
- 18 Track (Job 41:30) (5)
- 20 Religious doctrine (5)

Answers on Page 30

One Hundred Years of the BBC

One hundred years ago, on 18th October 1922, the BBC was officially founded as the British Broadcasting Company (now the British Broadcasting Corporation).

It was originally a private company, in which only British manufacturers were permitted to hold shares. But three years later it was liquidated and in 1927 replaced by a public corporation – the British Broadcasting Corporation – which had almost complete independence and, until the passing of the Television Act of 1954, a monopoly of the television service in Britain.

That year saw the birth of commercial television. The BBC's monopoly of radio ended when the Government permitted local commercial broadcasts, starting in the 1970s.

The BBC is not allowed to advertise or broadcast sponsored programmes. It should also not broadcast any opinion of its own on current affairs and matters of public policy, and be impartial on controversial issues. In recent years the BBC has been criticised for not keeping to these rules, but they were foremost in the mind of Lord Reith, the BBC's first Director General – a Scottish Presbyterian with strong Christian convictions whose influence lingered for many years.

The BBC has a public service broadcasting requirement to produce 115 hours of religious content on TV and 370 hours on radio each year. This of course leaves open the definition of religious content: atheists have complained that there is too much religion on the BBC, while Christians might point to the overtly secular assumptions made in the vast majority of its output.

Sudoku

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Easy

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Medium

Reaping and harvesting

Sometimes a law of nature is very similar to a law of the spirit. Take the process of harvest, or 'sowing and reaping'. The Bible tells us: 'A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much.' (2 Cor 9:6)

It has been said that probably the most sensitive nerve on our body is the one that runs to our cheque book! Money represents our time, our security, and our hard work. It gives us independence and power. So, when God begins to talk to us about giving more of our money to Him – sowing it in His service – we can feel very alarmed.

The seed a farmer sows in a field may sometimes be lost, but not the seed that we give to God. What we sow with regards to our time, gifts, and money in service to others God will make sure we one day reap – in a harvest of spiritual riches that we can never lose.



How do you study the Bible with people who have no faith background?

[Sharing Jesus](#) is an evangelism resource designed to help you introduce Jesus in a group setting.

To find out more and learn how to use this resource in your context, join us for one of our free Fresh Expressions **[SHARING JESUS WORKSHOPS!](#)**

- **Wednesday 21st Sept, 1pm** [Register Here](#)
- **Thursday 20th Oct, 7:30pm** [Register Here](#)
- **Tuesday 8th Nov, 1pm** [Register Here](#)
- **Monday 5th Dec, 7:30pm** [Register Here](#)

These workshops are a great opportunity to invite your friends, congregation members, small group and leadership team to, so that you can think through the next steps of introducing spiritual content into what you're already doing.

Wessex Youth Event – *bookings now open*

Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd October 2022

Back to the Future: for young people school year 9 – age 25. Join us for a weekend of fellowship; enjoying fun from the 70s to the present day, exploring the impact of faith and the youth, and imagining God's plan for the next 50 years

Book your free place [online](#).

Safeguarding Sunday – 20 November 2022

This year's Safeguarding Sunday falls on the 20th November. ThirtyOne:Eight have produced fantastic resources to support Churches with raising awareness of the importance of safeguarding with all members of congregations. I would really encourage you to use this date and resources to start conversations in your Church about Safeguarding. Sharon Barr, Synod Safeguarding Officer.

[Safeguarding Sunday Downloads](#) | [Thirtyone:eight \(thirtyoneeight.org\)](http://thirtyoneeight.org)

Wessex Synod Prayer Calendar October

October	2	50th Anniversary of the Formation of the URC Meeting of Synod
	9	Fovant; Marsh Gibbon; Rowlands Castle
	16	Reading: Caversham Park; Woking; Swanage
	23	Aston Tirrold; Southampton: Avenue St Andrew's; Bournemouth: Trinity Church
	30	Hungerford; Verwood

Solutions

ACROSS: 1, Lawyer. 4, Balsam. 8, Caleb. 9, Jehoram. 10, Sparrow. 11, Exile. 12, Excellent. 17, Act in. 19, Endemic. 21, Slavery. 22, Galal. 23, Silent. 24, Tarsus.

DOWN: 1, Locust. 2, Welfare. 3, Ember. 5, Athlete. 6, Sarai. 7, Member. 9, Jewellery. 13, Condemn. 14, Temples. 15, Causes. 16, Scales. 18, Trail. 20, Dogma.

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Lectionary Bible Readings for October



October 2	Lamentations 1:1-6 and Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137; Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
October 9	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
October 16	Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104; Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
October 23	Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65; Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 and Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
October 30	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 119:137-144; Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Important - Sensitive issues

As the Messenger is included in the Church Website, it is important that all the content is suitable for public exposure. When composing an article, if there is anything at all that you consider should be removed before publishing on the website, please inform the editor, Carolyn Barton.

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“As a congregation worshipping God: we seek to reach out with the love of Jesus; to worship God in our daily lives; to draw others into the knowledge and love of Christ; and to make disciples”